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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please amend the specification by inserting the following sentence before the first line:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2";
 Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 3",
 insert --claim 1--;
 Claim 5, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 4",
 insert --claim 1--;
 Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 5",
 insert --claim 1--;
 Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 6",
 insert --claim 1--;
 Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the claims 1 to 7",
 insert --claim 1--;